

1 4. (Once Amended) The device of Claim 3, wherein said tether is
2 formed integrally with said top layer.

1 5. (Once Amended) The device of Claim 4, wherein said tether
2 further comprises a plurality of undulations thereby forming a
3 resiliency enhancing structure.

1 6. (Once Amended) The device of Claim 3 which further
2 comprises said top layer being shaped to form a weakened bond
3 between said tether and a remainder portion of said top layer.

1 7. (Once Amended) The device of Claim 6, wherein said weakened
2 bond comprises an aperture separating a portion of said tether
3 from said remainder portion.

1 8. (Once Amended) The device of Claim 4, wherein said top layer
2 is formed from a single piece of flexible sheet material.

1 9. (Once Amended) The device of Claim 8, wherein said flexible
2 sheet material is selected from the group consisting of an
3 elastomeric, vinyl, or latex rubber.

1 10. (Twice Amended) A device for locating an item packaged in a
2 container among potentially obscuring protective material, said
3 device comprises:

4 an elongated flexible tether extractably loaded upon a

5 dispenser anchorable to said container;
6 wherein said tether is separable into one or more
7 subtethers.

1 11. (Twice Amended) A device for locating an item packaged in a
2 container among potentially obscuring protective material, said
3 device comprises:

4 an elongated flexible tether extractably loaded upon a
5 dispenser anchorable to said container;

6 wherein said tether comprises a first end connected to
7 a fastener attachable to said item; and

8 wherein said fastener comprises a widened portion of
9 said tether into a sheet-like pad.

1 12. (Once Amended) The device of Claim 11, wherein said pad is
2 shaped to form an attachment eye through said pad.

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1 13. (Once Amended) The device of Claim 11, wherein said device
2 further comprises an adhesive disk formed on a first surface of
3 said pad.

1 15. (Twice Amended) A device for locating an item packaged in a
2 container among potentially obscuring protective material, said
3 device comprises:

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4 an elongated flexible tether extractably loaded upon a
5 dispenser anchorable to said container;

6 wherein said tether comprises a first end connected to

8 a fastener attachable to said item; and

9 wherein said tether is adapted to carry an electrical
10 signal indicating connection of said fastener to said item.

Please add the following Claims 21-31.

1 21. (Added) The device of Claim 3, wherein said dispenser
2 further comprises a badge adapted to carry item identification
3 information.

1 22. (Added) The device of Claim 3, wherein said tether is
2 separable into one or more subtethers.

1 23. (Added) The device of Claim 3, wherein said tether is
2 adapted to carry an electrical signal indicating connection of
3 said fastener to said item.

1 24. (Added) The device of Claim 10, wherein a first one of said
2 subtethers comprises a first end connected to a fastener
3 attachable to said item.

1 25. (Added) The device of Claim 24, wherein said first one of
2 said subtethers is adapted to carry an electrical signal
3 indicating connection of said fastener to said item.

1 26. (Added) The device of Claim 10, wherein said dispenser
2 further comprises a badge adapted to carry item identification
3 information.

1 27. (Added) The device of Claim 10, wherein said dispenser
2 comprises a stratified body having a bottom layer and a top
3 layer.

1 28. (Added) The device of Claim 27, wherein said tether is
2 formed integrally with said top layer.

1 29. (Added) The device of Claim 28, wherein said tether further
2 comprises a plurality of undulations thereby forming a resiliency
3 enhancing structure.

1 30. (Added) The device of Claim 27 which further comprises said
2 top layer being shaped to form a weakened bond between said
3 tether and a remainder portion of said top layer.

1 31. (Added) The device of Claim 15, wherein said dispenser
2 further comprises a badge adapted to carry item identification
3 information.

REMARKS

Claims 3-13, 15-16 and 21-31 remain pending in the present application.

The informalities noted by the Examiner have been corrected. Further, the word "Claims" has been replaced with the word "Claim" in Claims 4-9 and 12-13. In Claim 11, line 6, the spelling of the word "wherin" has been corrected. Claim 14 has been canceled. Therefore, Claims 3-13, 15 and 16 should be